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SUBJECT: IA-ECOSOC 9TH ANNUAL MEETING: STATEMENT BY ARGENTINIAN
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1. THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS FROM PREPARED REMARKS MADE BY ARGENTINE DELEGATE, DR. LEOPOLDO TETTAMANTI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, AT IA-ECOSOC NINTH ANNUAL MEETING IN QUITO. REMARKS DELIVERED AT NOON, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, SHORTLY AFTER DR. TETTAMANTI'S ARRIVAL.

2. "---THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS OBSOLETE IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND SHOULD BE REPLACED SO THAT IT CAN BETTER RESPOND TO THE REALITY OF THE PRESENT. IA-ECOSOC SUFFERS PARTICULARLY FROM THIS OBSOLESCENCE WHICH KEEPS IT FROM ATTAINING ITS OBJECTIVES---

3. "---THE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD ALWAYS ADAPT TO THE REALITIES
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FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN CREATED OR OTHERWISE THEY LOSE ALL

THEIR VALUE. THIS IS PURELY AND SIMPLY WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. THE PROCESS OF REPLACING IT MIGHT TAKE A LONG OR SHORT TIME, BUT IT IS IRREVERSIBLE. WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF EITHER REVOLUTIONS OR VIOLENCE; --- THAT IS WHY WE SHOULD ACCELERATE TO A MAXIMUM, THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREA, SO THAT IT WILL NOT LOSE COMPLETELY THE LITTLE RELEVANCE THAT IT STILL HAS AND CAN BECOME A STRUCTURE USEFUL FOR THE REGION."

4. "---THE DIALOGUE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE SO FAR WITHIN THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN BETWEEN THE U.S., THE MOST POWERFUL, AND THE LATIN AMERICANS, WHO MANY TIMES ACTED AS INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN AS MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY. THE SYSTEM HAS THEREFORE FREQUENTLY OPERATED TO SEPARATE RATHER THAN UNITE THE LATIN COUNTRIES. THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE SYSTEM ONE OR ANOTHER OF US HAS BEEN ISOLATED ACCORDING TO THE FUNDAMENTAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS PROCESS CULMINATED IN THE EXPULSION AND BLOCKADE OF CUBA, A MOST TRAGIC ERROR, SINCE IT DOES NOT RESPOND EITHER TO THE NATURAL CONDITIONS IN WHICH A SYSTEM SHOULD OPERATE, NOR TO HISTORICAL FORCES IN THE WORLD, AS IS PROVEN BY EVENTS TODAY. THIS HAS CHANGED, AND THE SOONER WE RECOGNIZE THIS BY TRANSFORMING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ELEMENTS OF OUR SYSTEM THE BETTER.

5. "---TODAY'S WORLD IS NOT DOMINATED BY SUPER-POWERS. TODAY'S WORLD IS A MULTI-POLAR WORLD, MORE OPEN AND BALANCED. SUPREMACY TODAY CANNOT BE MAINTAINED BY ARMS OR FINANCIAL MIGHT. EXTERNAL COOPERATION FOR THE LDCS TODAY MUST BE BASED ON THIS PREMISE, FOR THE LDCS HAVE FOUND NEW DEFENSE MEASURES, AND RAW MATERIALS ARE A FACTOR IN THE WORLD POWER EQUATION, AND ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE PRODUCERS AND NOT THE POWERFUL NATIONS."

6. "---POWER POLITICS ARE SLOWLY BUT INEXORABLY REPLACED BY THE POLITICS OF COOPERATION."

7. "---THE FUNDAMENTAL TASK FOR US IN THIS REGION IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WILL HAVE VALUE IN RELATION TO ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OBTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE. THAT IS WHY WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A

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POINT IN WHICH WE CANNOT USE ANY SUBTERFUGE: THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO AS LONG AS CUBA IS BANISHED FROM THE SYSTEM, SINCE CUBA IS BY HER OWN RIGHT, BY NATURAL RIGHT, PART OF THIS COMMUNITY."

8. "---THE TWO PRINCIPLES UPHELD BY ARGENTINA ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS THE BASIS FOR THE SYSTEM, IN THE FIRST PLACE; THE PRESENCE WITHIN THE SYSTEM OF LATIN AMERICA AS AN INTEGRATED COMMU-

NITY, IN THE SECOND PLACE. BUT THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES. THE SYSTEM THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED THIS WAY MUST BE AN OPEN SYSTEM. WE DO NOT CONCEIVE AND WE COULD NOT ACCEPT A CLOSED INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM OR TIED WITH PREFERENTIAL LINKS. THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY DOES NOT EXTEND IN OUR VIEW BEYOND THE AREA THAT EMBRACES LATIN AMERICA. THIS IS ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THE ARGENTINE POSITION AND IT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US, SINCE WE SHOULD NOT TALK ABOUT THE BETTER SOCIAL WELL BEING THAT CAN BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMIC GROWTH, BUT, AND THIS SHOULD BE IN ORDER OF PRIORITIES, THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND OF THE COMPLEMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL FIELDS CAN OFFER IF THIS COMMUNITY ACTS WITH INDEPENDENCE AND IN DIRECT RELATION WITH ALL THE GROUPS AND COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, AS EQUALS AND DEFENDING ITS OWN INTERESTS."

9. "---THIS IS ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF THE ARGENTINE POSITION, SO MUCH SO THAT, AS WE HAVE SAID IT IN OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, WE FORESEE ARGENTINA MORE OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM THAN INTEGRATING A PREFERENTIAL SYSTEM OF LATIN AMERICA WITH THE UNITED STATES."

10. "---THIS IS NOT ANY OPPOSITION TO THIS COUNTRY (THE USA). AT THE HEIGHT OF MATURITY THAT OUR DEVELOPMENT HAS GIVEN US, POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY, WE ARE NOT PROMPTED BY ANY FEELING CONTRARY TO THIS COUNTRY. RATHER WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN AND SHOULD ASSUME AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE REGION AND WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST EVERY TIME THAT IS NECESSARY WITHIN THE SYSTEM OR OUTSIDE IT AS WE SAID IT IN THE MEETING OF MEXICO. THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARE FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW QUITE INSTRUCTIVE, BECAUSE ALL OF THEM CAN BE TACKLED FROM THE

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11. "---CERTAINLY THIS POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT MEAN TO ABSOLVE THEM OF THE MISTAKES MADE IN THE PAST OR TO SHY AWAY FROM AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL CORRECTIONS IN ITS BEHAVIOR OR IN THE BEHAVIOR OF THE MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES OF AMERICAN ORIGIN, A THEME WHOSE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING IS VERY INTERESTING TO US."

12. "---IN ANY CASE, OUR IDEA OF AN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM GOES BEYOND OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT IS BASED IN THE TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF ARGENTINA AND OF LATIN AMERICA IN RELATION TO THE WORLD AND WE CONSIDER IT AS A BASIC TENET FOR THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA."

13. "---THIS IS THE SAME POSITION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT TO BREAK THE OBSTACLES, SOMETIMES VERY SUBTLE, THAT KEPT ARGENTINA FROM OPENING UP TO FACE THE WORLD. OUR COUNTRY HAS SET UP THE BASIS FOR TRADING NOT WITH 500 MILLION PEOPLE BUT WITH THE 3,500 MILLIONS OF THE WORLD. THAT IS THE POLICY OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. AND WE SHOULD SAY HERE THAT MANY OF THESE
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OBSTACLES HAD THEIR ROOTS IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM."

14. "---ALL THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE REJECT JOINT ACTION WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE SHOULD DO IT AS MANY TIMES AS NECESSARY IN DEFENSE OF THEIR INTERESTS AND SIMILAR INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICA.

15. "---WHEN THE U.S. IN 1889 TRIED TO CREATE A PAN-AMERICAN UNION AS A CUSTOMS UNION, ARGENTINA STOOD IN OPPOSITION WITH THE THESIS "AMERICA SHOULD BE FOR HUMANITY". THIS IS EVEN MORE TRUE TODAY."

16. "---THIS IS THE PRINCIPLE WHICH HAS LED OUR GOVERNMENT TO BREAK THE SUBTLE TIES WITH WHICH THE SYSTEM ATTEMPTED TO RESTRAIN OUR GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS."

17. "---THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE REJECT ACTION IN COMMON WITH THE U.S. WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTIONS ANY TIME IT IS NECESSARY IN THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA. WE HAVE NOTED THIS ABOVE IN CONNECTION WITH GATT NEGOTIATION.

WE CAN SAY THE SAME WITH RESPECT TO MONETARY PROBLEMS. ARGENTINA WAS THE SPOKESMAN ON THESE TWO TOPICS AT MEXICO.....BUT SUCH ACTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE JOINT ACTION WITH OTHER INDIVIDUAL NATION OR GROUPS OF NATIONS."

18. "---WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THE EC, JAPAN, THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA, ETC., AND WE CANNOT CONCEIVE OF A LATIN AMERICA TIED TO THE U.S. WITH LINKS THAT KEEP IT FROM FULFILLMENT OF INDEPENDENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THESE AREAS."

19. "---SUMMING UP, WE BELIEVE THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO RESPOND FUNDAMENTALLY TO THE OBJECTIVE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT LATIN AMERICA SHOULD HAVE AN IDENTITY THAT TRULY REPRESENTS THE COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS BY WHICH IT IS UNITED."

20. "---FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IDENTITY OF LATIN AMERICA SHOULD BE REFLECTED NOT ONLY BY ITS RELATIONS WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE, BUT ALSO IN THE NECESSARY CO-RELATIONS WITH
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ALL AND EACH ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, AS WELL AS WITH THE COMMUNITIES OR ASSOCIATIONS OF NATIONS IN EXISTENCE TODAY."

21. "---THIS INTEGRATION SHOULD GIVE RISE TO A LATIN AMERICAN IDENTITY NOT ONLY IN THE HEMISPHERIC CONTEXT BUT ALSO IN NECESSARY AND CLOSE CO-RELATION WITH ALL NATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS OF COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THAT THIS CO-RELATION SHOULD BE BASED ON RECOGNIZING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE."

22. "---TO HAVE THIS CO-RELATION BECOME A POSITIVE ELEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT SHOULD BE STRUCTURED IN THE FORM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO FACILITATE THE INCREASE OF LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS; TO ALLOW A GREATER FLOW OF CAPITAL TO OUR COUNTRIES DESTINED TO THE SECTORS IN WHICH THE RECEIVING COUNTRY HAS ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES AND TO RESERVE TO EACH THE POWER OF DECISION: AND TO PERMIT AN ADEQUATE ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKETS AND TO CREATE REGULATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE TRANSFERS, DIRECTLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THROUGH SYSTEMS PROVIDING LIQUID ASSETS. THIS CONSTITUTES A REITERATION OF THE POSITION HELD BY OUR COUNTRY IN THE MEETINGS IN TOKYO, NAIROBI, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND MORE RECENTLY IN THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO WHICH PRESENTED THE FACT THAT COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIR TRADE RELATIONS FOR OUR COUNTRIES, AND NOT ONLY AS THE UNILATERAL PROVISION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF

FINANCIAL HELP. IN RELATION TO THIS LAST, AND SPECIFICALLY
CONCERNING THE IDB, IT SHOULD BE REFORMED TO ANSWER THE REAL
NEEDS OF LATIN AMERICA, INTRODUCING ADEQUATE FORMS OF FINANCING
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